

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
December 15, 2024
9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

3rd Advent Candle:

Matt & Meghan Vande Kamp Family

***Greetings**

***Song** “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

***Song** “We Three Kings” vs. 1, 2 & 5

Children’s Message: Bobbi Jo Van Kekerix

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Daniel 9:24-27; Matthew 2:1-12

The Seventy Weeks

²⁴ “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again^[c] with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. ²⁷ And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

The Visit of the Wise Men

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Message: “Prophetic Gifts”

Prayer

***Song** “What Child Is This?”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee & juice in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Calendar for the Day:

9:30 AM Pastor Greg Alderman will lead us in worship. Pastor Greg will be around after the service to answer any questions about the Alliance.

10:30 AM Program Practice & Catechism

6:00 PM Christmas Program

Serving Today:

Pianist: Freida Vander Sluis

Sound: Taylor Family

Nursery: Ryan & Katie Vande Vegte

Lift: Marv Hoogendoorn

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Prayers & Praises:

Linda Hoekstra continues with physical therapy.

Rich Wissink remains in the local hospital.

We express our Christian Sympathy to *Bill & Carol Bouwman and family* on the loss of Carol’s sister, Nelma Byker.

We express our Christian Sympathy to *Pastor Cliff and Linda Hoekstra* on the loss of Linda’s mother, Arlene Vanden Hoek.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

December 21: Doris Wesselink (84)
Renlee Van Middendorp
Tim Landegent

December 22: Chris Bouwman

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, December 16:

3:30 PM Kids' Block & The Block

Tuesday, December 17:

3:30 PM Kids' Block & The Block

Wednesday, December 18:

10:00 AM Lydia Circle

5:30 PM JAM & CLASS will have their
Christmas Party in Sioux Falls.

6:30 PM AWANA – Store & Pizza Party!

Thursday, December 19:

3:30 PM Kids' Block & The Block

Sunday, December 22:

Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship. There will be no
Sunday School or Catechism.

Music: Team 1

Sound: Jerry Kelderman & Kevin Bouwman

Nursery: Cheri Leusink

Lift: Steve Van Den Top

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

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Word and Spirit, serving others.

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Our **vision** is to follow Jesus daily as we love and
serve all people.



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